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Clerk
Jan 16/1900

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re: McLennan & Thomson

The Rules provide that this Institution shall be governed by a committee to be called the General Committee, consisting of President - Vice President - Treasurer - 3 Trustees & 14 Members

rule 31 The General Committee are to have the custody & care & superintendence of the property of the Institution & the general management of its affairs

rules 40 & 41 All moneys received, when amounting to £20 are to be paid into the Bank of the Institution to be operated upon by Cheques drawn by the Treasr & countersigned by the Secretary -

rule 44 Subject to the rules the property of the Institution shall be vested for the use & benefit of the members - in the Trustees for the time being & the minutes of all the things done to be kept in the Institution's Bank

The rules also provide for borrowing money on the security of the real property of the Institution, but would seem to be a proper thing to do to provide a sinking fund for the repayment thereof but the rules are silent on this point -

Unless otherwise directed by the Instrument creating the trust Trustees can only invest moneys upon Government securities & first mortgages of real estate - In a recent case "Robinson & Fox reported in the Argus of 2 Oct 1889" Mr Justice Colclough stated in his judgment "I declare that the Trustees of the Will may invest the shares of certain persons at their

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discretion in Government Debentures or mortgage of real estate in Victoria - It appears that they have invested in bank deposit which is probably a safe & advantageous mode of investment but they must understand that this investment is made at their own risk as to the solvency of the Bank & that if the Bank failed they would have to make good any loss

With reference to Trustees generally it is a fundamental principle of Equity that where trust money cannot be applied either immediately or by a short day to the purpose of the trust it is the duty of the Trustee to make the fund productive by the investment of it upon some proper security -

I am therefore of opinion that the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum would be held to be liable to make good any loss which may arise by depositing money belonging to the Institution on a fixed deposit with their Bank much more (as has been done) if they invest the same by way of deposit with a Building Society & at the same time they would appear to be liable for allowing any considerable sum of money to be idle & unproductive - The Committee could relieve themselves from liability by handing over any sum in their hands not wanted for the immediate purposes of the Institution to the Trustees for investment in Govt Debentures or first Mortgages of real estate but so many difficulties to this course being adopted at once suggest themselves that I think that this course is unpracticable

In view of the present large sum owing upon mortgage of the property of the Institution & which is not payable for some years to come & the advisability for continuing the present efforts for paying off the same &

*.i. I am sure that the necessary steps should be taken without delay to pass a new

rule dealing with the subject - (See Proceedings see rule 54)

I agree with you & think that the members should be asked to accept the proposed new rule N. Victoria 7.1.90.

Wm. P. Wright
30.1.25.1889

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Proposed new Rule.

Whenever there shall be any money owing upon mortgage of the real property of the Institution, the General Committee shall, whenever they shall be in a position to do so, provide a "Sinking Fund" to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage, and the moneys for the time being standing to the credit of such fund shall, from time to time, be invested by the said Committee either by depositing the same at interest by way of fixed deposit in some one or more of the Associated Banks carrying on business in Melbourne, or in some Building Society to be approved of by the said Committee at one of their usual monthly meetings.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Lusk, that the proposed new rule be submitted to the Solicitors, on their own account and as representing the Trustees, for their opinion, and that Mr Hage and Mr Rennie, be authorised to take the necessary steps to have the rule passed.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library, from Saml Muller 25 vols £ 3. 19. 2 From Geo Robertson 4 vols 14/6, Accounts amounting to £ 5 9s 11d 9 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hage & Mr Lusk that the report be adopted.

The House subcommittee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that a letter has been received from Mr Cook, the chemist, a lieutenant in one of the frigate ships asking that a window may be made in the back wall of the shop, to give better ventilation. It is recommended that the Architects be requested to see to the matter.

Tenders have been received for the decoration and painting of the vestibule, upper hall, library, reading room, corridors & Secretary's room. There were in all seven tenders. From them two were selected from which the final choice was to be made, viz,

Patterson Bros for £ 232
J W Mounsey 219. 10. 0

The latter tender is recommended for your acceptance. Aps amounting to £ 54s 8d 7 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Stiffe and Mr Lusk that the report be adopted, and that the second meeting, as required by the rules, for authorising the expenditure be held on 29th inst at 7.45 pm.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the Aps for December & found them correct. They have also seen the draft of the Balance Sheet which will be presented to you this evening. In view of the great financial success of the year, it is unanimously recommended by this committee that a bonus of £ 50 be distributed among the officers and employes, amounting to about 5% on their salaries. It is also recommended that the assistant Mr Webster shall receive an addition to his salary of 3s per week, thus bringing it to the maximum amount of £ 2. 10. 0 promised to him.

The following Aps are recommended for payment:—

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Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library, from Saml Muller 25 vols £ 3. 19. 2 From Geo Robertson 4 vols 14/6, Accounts amounting to £ 59. 11. 9 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hufe & Mr Lush that the report be adopted.

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Institution in the daily papers every Saturday

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £107.17.6
 Total revenue of " 304.6.6
 " " 12 months 4558.6.3

New members during month 15
 " " 12 months 312

Balance in Bank £590.7.6
 Sundry deposits £3275.0.0

J. W. B. [Signature]
 Chairman
 6. Feb 1890

Special meeting of the General Committee held 29th Jan 4 1890

Present Mr H R Sage V.P. (chair),
 Rennie Treasurer
 Ridley
 Hiffe
 Sells
 Downward
 Bates.

A letter was read from the President, Mr Joseph Goode, apologizing for his absence through indisposition & thanking the Committee for their kindness to him during his term of office, and also the Secretary for his aid & support.

Apologies made for absence of Messrs Harlin, Levi, & Millie.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Hiffe and Mr Rennie, that the Confes resolution accepting the tender of Mr Mouncey for £219.10.0 for painting and decorating adopted at last meeting be hereby confirmed, as required by Rule 42.

J. W. B. [Signature]
 Chairman
 6 Feb 1890

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries | £81. 1. 8 |
| George Robertson & Co. Books | 29. 13. 6 |
| Alexr Kemp. Repairs &c | 16. 7. 9 |
| Metro Gas Co | 14. 2. 6 |
| Key Austr ⁿ Electric Co | 11. 18. 4 |
| Saml Mullen Books | 11. 10. 11 |
| Leicester Newspapers | 11. 1. 0 |
| City Treasurer. Sundry lamp | 6. 5. 0 |
| Mr Hutchinson Bros Binding | 2. 2. 0 |
| Morris & Meeks. Umbrella stands | 2. 1. 0 |
| Sundry Aps & Petty Cash | 13. 18. 4 |
| Prizes to officers & employes | 50. 0. 0 |
| | <u>£250. 2. 0</u> |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Severs, that the report be adopted.

The draft of the annual report, as prepared by the subcommittee, was read, and after a few verbal alterations, was adopted as the report of the Committee, on the motion of Mr Lusk and Mr Severs.

The Balance Sheet was laid on the table, and was referred to the auditors, on the motion of Mr Severs & Mr Levi.

The sum of £1000 deposited in the City of Melbourne Bank, and falling due on 11th Jan 4 was ordered to be redeposited.

It was ordered that the Architects be requested to have a fan light constructed over the door in the Secretary's room.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the

Annual General Meeting of the Members

held in the Upper Hall
Wednesday 29th Jan 1890

The chair was taken by the Vice President Mr Henry R. Fuge in the absence of the President Mr Joseph Goode from whom an apology for absence was received.

The following members of Committee were present

Mr Charles Rennie (Treasurer)
Ridley
Bliffe
Severs
Downward
Bates

and about twenty members of the Institution
The Secretary read the advertisement concerning the meeting. The said advertisement had appeared twice in the daily journals, and had been posted in the Reading Room in conformity with Rule 20.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary read the Committee's Report
Copies of the Balance sheet were circulated among the members, and it was resolved that it be taken as read

The Committee congratulate the members of the Melbourne Athenaeum on the great success of the Institution during the past year.

By referring to the Balance Sheet, it will be seen that the gross receipts for the year amount to £4558 6s. 3d., and the expenditure to £3571 0s. 3d., giving a surplus of £987 6s., increasing our cash balance to £3865 7s. 6d., of which £3275 is deposited at interest.

The following are the details of the receipts:—Subscriptions, £1530 16s.; rent of front shops, £1155; rent of large hall, £1239 19s. 8d.; small hall, £232 14s.; rooms, £256 14s. 10d.; interest, £120; sales, £23 11s. 0d.

The principal items of expenditure are:—Interest on mortgage, £990; salaries and wages, £994 10s.; books, magazines and newspapers, £625 5s. 1d.; repairs and furniture, £276 5s. 2d.; gas and electric light, £267 12s. 10d.; rates, £127 10s.; binding, £97 14s. 5d.

The electric light has been introduced into the reading room, library, vestibule, and corridors, and has been found a great improvement, especially in the reading room, where the temperature in the evening has been reduced by eighteen degrees.

There are now 1515 members on the roll, of whom 312 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the Library was 698; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 30,601, and 7209 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST THIRTY-TWO YEARS.

| YEAR. | No. of Subscribing Members. | New Members. | Volumes Added. | Volumes Circulated. | Magazines Circulated. |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1858 | 567 | 174 | 350 | 18,175 | 2,117 |
| 1859 | 506 | 144 | 407 | 16,514 | 2,038 |
| 1860 | 488 | 118 | 220 | 20,274 | 3,343 |
| 1861 | 635 | 284 | 145 | 21,144 | 4,523 |
| 1862 | 600 | 209 | 344 | 19,128 | 5,093 |
| 1863 | 569 | 176 | 401 | 23,262 | 5,101 |
| 1864 | 512 | 127 | 350 | 13,305 | 6,249 |
| 1865 | 471 | 146 | 398 | 12,912 | 8,152 |
| 1866 | 450 | 123 | 270 | 13,102 | 9,100 |
| 1867 | 437 | 117 | 217 | 13,146 | 9,899 |
| 1868 | 458 | 131 | 430 | 13,249 | 11,378 |
| 1869 | 460 | 129 | 413 | 13,614 | 10,278 |
| 1870 | 510 | 170 | 382 | 14,022 | 11,705 |
| 1871 | 547 | 168 | 627 | 19,603 | 11,927 |
| 1872 | 640 | 252 | 426 | 20,226 | 12,447 |
| 1873 | 1139 | 655 | 705 | 34,856 | 15,176 |
| 1874 | 1236 | 547 | 1414 | 39,729 | 12,323 |
| 1875 | 1287 | 480 | 657 | 45,002 | 10,697 |
| 1876 | 1488 | 567 | 980 | 43,115 | 10,500 |
| 1877 | 1571 | 481 | 746 | 45,293 | 11,000 |
| 1878 | 1525 | 444 | 654 | 46,262 | 11,115 |
| 1879 | 1410 | 361 | 771 | 58,450 | 6,096 |
| 1880 | 1400 | 364 | 543 | *36,317 | 6,399 |
| 1881 | 1398 | 326 | 552 | *34,291 | 6,642 |
| 1882 | 1333 | 341 | 582 | *34,342 | 7,268 |
| 1883 | 1330 | 329 | 560 | *35,016 | 7,209 |
| 1884 | 1334 | 277 | 711 | *35,129 | 7,231 |
| 1885 | 1311 | 254 | 680 | *29,653 | 7,200 |
| 1886 | 1468 | 351 | 700 | *29,382 | 7,000 |
| 1887 | 1568 | 376 | 613 | *28,241 | 7,150 |
| 1888 | 1535 | 355 | 618 | *29,697 | 7,108 |
| 1889 | 1515 | 312 | 698 | *30,601 | 7,209 |

The following return shows the number of works of various classes that have been issued during the last four years:—

| CLASSIFICATION. | 1886. | 1887. | 1888. | 1889. |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics | 9 | 11 | 23 | 9 |
| Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts | 9 | 14 | 12 | 18 |
| Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence | 1,321 | 1,249 | 1,298 | 1,214 |
| Classics and Philology | 37 | 37 | 39 | 93 |
| Fine Arts | 36 | 27 | 18 | 10 |
| Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works | 1,056 | 737 | 908 | 815 |
| History and Historical Monographs | 764 | 761 | 785 | 723 |
| Jurisprudence and Legislation | 6 | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Medical Science and Chemistry | 3 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| Miscellaneous and Collected Works | 1,007 | 738 | 812 | 725 |
| Natural History and Botany | 9 | 50 | 36 | 76 |
| Works of Fiction | 21,958 | 21,830 | 22,848 | 24,081 |
| Music | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Periodical Literature | 1,800 | 1,782 | 1,830 | 1,805 |
| Philosophy and General Science | 406 | 347 | 366 | 333 |
| Poetry and the Drama | 330 | 245 | 279 | 304 |
| Politics | 58 | 91 | 57 | 50 |
| Religious & Ecclesiastical Works | 80 | 71 | 116 | 81 |
| Juvenile Works | 406 | 240 | 254 | 257 |
| | 29,362 | 28,211 | 29,697 | 30,601 |

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 35.

The Government has contributed during the year:—

- Victorian Parliamentary Debates.
- Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.
- Government Gazette.
- Acts of Parliament.
- Victorian Year Book, by H. H. Hayter, C.M.G.
- Results of Observations, Melbourne Observatory, by R. L. J. Ellery, Esq.
- The Government of New South Wales has contributed:—
- Parliamentary Papers for the year.
- The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1886-7, by F. A. Coghlan, Government Statistician.

The following donations of works have also been kindly made:—

- Calendar from the Council of the Melbourne University.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria Vol. XXV., presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XX. of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.
- Two copies A. B. C. Guide, supplied regularly by Messrs. Gordon and Gotch.
- The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.
- The Calcutta Review, presented quarterly by H. Palmer, Esq.
- The Melbourne Masonic Journal, presented monthly by the proprietors.
- Imperial Review, by the publishers, Messrs. McKinley & Co., Melbourne.
- The Grand Reality, by the author, H. J. Browne. 1 vol.
- Orient Line Guide, by the Company.

The proprietors of the principal metropolitan and provincial newspapers have also each contributed one copy of their journals.

The annual election of honorary office-bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr. Joseph Goode; Vice-President, Mr. Henry R. Fuge; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee, Messrs. R. S. Danson, E. Downward, Professor Elkington, T. Harlin, H. H. Hayter, C.M.G.; G. Lush, and A. Millie. Professor Tucker was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. Rennie as Treasurer.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee during the year:—

- The President, Mr. JOSEPH GOODE attended 9
- The Vice-President, Mr. HENRY R. FUGE " 11
- The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE " 9

COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Danson attended 7
- Mr. Downward " 11
- Mr. Elkington " 3
- Mr. Harlin " 10
- Mr. Hayter " 6
- Mr. Lush " 10
- Mr. Millie " 11
- Mr. Bates " 8
- Mr. Ievers attended 6
- Mr. Iliffe " 9
- Mr. Levi " 9
- Mr. Ridley " 8
- Mr. Sangster " 7
- Mr. Tucker " 1
- Mr. Meeks (ex-officio) " 9

The following are the attendances of the Sub-Committees:—

| LIBRARY. | HOUSE. | FINANCE. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| No. of Meetings, 11. | No. of Meetings, 11. | No. of meetings, 11. |
| Mr. Harlin 6 | Mr. Iliffe 10 | Mr. Rennie 8 |
| (Chairman) | (Chairman) | (Chairman) |
| Mr. Lush 6 | Mr. Ridley 8 | Mr. Goode 9 |
| Mr. Hayter 9 | Mr. Sangster 2 | Mr. Danson 11 |
| Mr. Millie 7 | Mr. Bates 10 | Mr. Downward 4 |
| Mr. Fuge 9 | Mr. Levi 6 | Mr. Ievers 5 |
| Mr. Elkington 0 | Mr. Meeks 5 | |
| Mr. Tucker 4 | | |

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Bates, Ievers, Iliffe, Levi, Ridley, Sangster, Tucker, and Meeks.

Although this Report is made only to members of the Institution, the Committee feel justified in taking advantage of the publicity which will be given to it, to bring before the general public some of the advantages of this Institution. For the payment of an annual subscription of one guinea, subscribers can have the use of the reading room, in which are to be found all the leading papers of Victoria and the neighbouring colonies, the best of the British, and some foreign newspapers, together with all the best of the British magazines. The circulating library is well supplied with standard works in every department of literature, and each mail brings copies of new works. Life membership may be secured by the payment of ten guineas in one amount.

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The Committee would again request members to take an active interest in the Institution, by inducing new members to join. By so doing, they will enable the Committee to make many useful additions to the library, and to carry out other improvements in the Institution.

JOSEPH GOODE, *President.*

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the year ending 31st December, 1889.

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|---|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| To Balance, 31st December, 1888 | £2,878 1 6 | By Interest on Mortgage | £990 0 0 |
| Subscriptions | 1,530 16 0 | Salaries and Wages | 994 10 0 |
| Rent of Front Shops | 1,155 0 0 | Books, Magazines, and Newspapers .. | 625 5 1 |
| " Large Hall | 1,239 19 8 | Repairs, and Furniture | 276 5 2 |
| " Small Hall | 232 14 0 | Gas and Electric Light | 267 12 10 |
| " Rooms | 256 14 10 | Rates | 127 10 0 |
| Interest on Fixed Deposits | 120 0 0 | Binding | 97 14 5 |
| Sales of Papers | 16 1 9 | Goods and Sundries | 50 0 1 |
| " Catalogues | 7 0 0 | Bonus to Officers | 50 0 0 |
| | 4,558 6 3 | Postage and Petty Cash | 31 0 0 |
| | | Advertising and Printing | 27 7 11 |
| | | Insurance | 24 0 6 |
| | | Stationery | 5 10 3 |
| | | Auditors | 4 4 0 |
| | | Balance, Fixed Deposits | 3,571 0 3 |
| | | " in Bank | 590 7 6 |
| | | | 3,865 7 6 |
| | | | £7,436 7 9 |
| | | | £7,436 7 9 |

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

| ASSETS. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| Estimated value of the Property of the Institution | £45,000 0 0 | Loan under Mortgage | £18,000 0 0 |
| Value of Library | 1,750 0 0 | Salaries for December and Sundry Accounts .. | 200 2 0 |
| " Furniture | 1,000 0 0 | Balance | 33,415 5 6 |
| Cash in Current Account | £590 7 6 | | |
| " Fixed Deposits | 3,275 0 0 | | |
| | 3,865 7 6 | | |
| | £51,615 7 6 | | £51,615 7 6 |

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. RENNIE,
HONORARY TREASURER.

ANDREW BURNS, }
W. THOMPSON, } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 24th January 1890.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report & Balance Sheet, which was seconded by Mr Sevens, and after some remarks by the members as to the necessity of providing a chess & smoking room was carried.

Resolved, on motion of Mr George Knox and Mr W J Mc Kenzie that the following gentlemen be nominated to conduct the election if required viz:— Messrs J Hooper, George Blackwood, Thos Lee, and John White.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hiffe & Mr Ridley that Messrs Andrew Burns & Walter Thompson be re-elected auditors.

Resolved, on motion of Mr White & Mr Ogier that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring President Vice President, Treasurer & members of Committee. The Chairman returned thanks.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Martin Hood, that a vote of thanks be given to the secretary Librarian & their assistants for the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

The Chairman announced that nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and members of Committee would be received by the Secretary till the hour of ten p.m. and that if an election should be required it would take place on Monday 3rd Feb.

The following nominations were then made in due form as prescribed in the rules:—

Thursday 6th Feb 4 / 1890

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Fuge, President (chair)
- Hayter Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Meeks
- Cliffe
- Ridley
- Hanson
- Levi
- Millie
- Harlie.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting of 16th Jan 4 and the special meeting of 29th Jan 4 were read & confirmed

The Minutes of the Annual General meeting were read for information.

Mr Meeks apologized for his absence from the Annual meeting and congratulated Mr Fuge on his election as President.

A letter, dated 6th Feb 4, from Mr W C Morris, Division Registrar was read. It stated that the Hall would not be required for St Paul's congregation after next Sunday 9th inst. Received.

A letter was read from Mr Wrigley Hon^y Secretary of the Metropolitan Free chapel offering the use of the Colaba Room of the Society for the monthly meetings of our Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Levi,

Nomination of Officers

- President Mr Henry R. Fuge
- Vice President H H Hayter CMG
- Treasurer Charles Rennie

Committee

- Mr Henry Meeks
- William Bates
- William Severs
- John Cliffe
- Joseph Levi
- J S Ridley
- David Saupler

The candidates not being in excess of the number required were duly elected

[Signature]
Chairman

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that the offer be accepted with thanks.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin and Mr Shiffe, that the monthly meeting of the General Committee be held on first Thursday of each month at 8 pm.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin and Mr Rennie that the following be the sub committees for the year:—

Sub Committees

| <u>Finance</u> | <u>Library</u> | <u>House</u> | <u>Emergency</u> |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| President | President | President | President |
| Vice President | V President | V President | V President |
| Treasurer | Harlin | Shiffe | Treasurer |
| Downward | Colkington | Ridley | Shiffe |
| Goode | hush | Sanger | Meeks |
| Danson | Millie | Bates | Bates |
| Senors | | Levi | |
| Levi | | Meeks | |

Proposed by Mr Rennie seconded by Mr Levi that Mr H S Barlow be a member of Committee vice Mr Hayter elected Vice President.

Smoking Room

The President informed the Committee that a wish was expressed at the Annual General Meeting that a smoking room be provided for the use of members. He therefore begged to propose that the matter be referred to the House Committee. The resolution was seconded by Mr Rennie and carried.

Member of Committee

The Secretary was instructed to provide memo papers for the use of members in Reading Room, and also to place a filter in the Library.

Proposed new Rule.

The Secretary reported that he had submitted the proposed new Rule to the Solicitors who had replied that "if it is the desire of the Committee to establish a Sinking Fund the proposed new Rule should be passed, with an addition to it so as to include the moneys now in hand" so that the new rule would read as follows:—

PROPOSED NEW RULE.

Whenever there shall be any money owing upon mortgage of the real property of the Institution, the General Committee shall (whenever they shall be in a position to do so) provide a "Sinking Fund," to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage, and the moneys for the time being standing to the credit of such Fund shall from time to time be invested by the said Committee, either by depositing the same at interest by way of fixed deposit in some one or more of the associated Banks carrying on business in Melbourne, or in some Building Society to be approved of by the said Committee at one of their usual monthly meetings. And the moneys now accumulated and deposited in the City of Melbourne Bank and Victorian Permanent Building Society shall form the nucleus of such Sinking Fund, to be applied in or towards the liquidation of the present mortgage of the real property of the Institution.

Mr Gibbs wrote that as one of the Trustees he consented to the proposed new rule.

The Secretary was instructed to see Mr Gibbs and ask him if he had consented on behalf of his co-trustees or merely individually.

It was resolved that if the other two Trustees consent, the necessary notice should be given in conformity

with Rule 54, and a special general meeting of Members be convened for 6th March at 8 p.m. to pass the new Rule.

Mr Fevers' departure for Europe

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Rennie, that as Mr Fevers is about to proceed to Europe on a holiday trip, an official letter (signed by the President and Secretary) be written to him recommending him to the fraternal greeting of kindred Societies, and also that the President & Secretary shall attend the farewell Banquet to be given to Mr Fevers.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the Month £ 112. 14. 6

Total revenue of the Month £ 351. 16. 4

New members 29.

James W. G. G.
Chairman

6/3/90

Thursday 6th March 1890

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Fevers, President, Chair,
- Rennie Treasurer
- Downward
- Ridley
- Cliffe
- Lush
- Sangster
- Danson
- Millie
- Lush
- Meeks
- Harline
- Gates

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Hayter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Barlow.

The President declared Mr Barlow duly elected a member of the Committee. Mr Barlow returned thanks.

The President informed the Committee that he was unable, owing to a previous engagement, to attend the Banquet given to Mr Fevers. The Vice President went in his stead with Mr Leartes. Mr Cliffe stated that he had been requested by Mr Fevers to thank the Committee for their kindness.

Proposed New Rule

The President informed the Committee that the two Trustees, Mr Thornley and Mr Moubraey would not give their consent to the passing of the proposed new rule unless the provision referring to investment in Building Societies be excised. He

had requested the Secretary to ask the Solicitors if an amendment on the proposed rule could be passed at the meeting. They replied that the proposed rule must be passed in terms of the notice without any alteration. The President has therefore instructed the Secretary not to call the special general meeting. He asked the Committee whether they would adhere to their intention of passing the proposed new rule or would alter it. A long discussion then ~~was~~ ensued, and it was ultimately resolved on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Bates that the following be

PROPOSED NEW RULE.

Whenever there shall be any money owing upon mortgage of the real property of the Institution, the General Committee shall (whenever they shall be in a position to do so) provide a "Sinking Fund," to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage, and the moneys for the time being standing to the credit of such Fund shall from time to time be invested by the said Committee, by way of fixed deposit in some one or more of the incorporated Banks carrying on business in Melbourne, or on first mortgage of real estate. And the moneys which have now accumulated shall form the nucleus of such Sinking Fund, to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage of the real property of the Institution.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Millie chairman of the sub-committee for the year. The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—

Francis Melville, Mulhens & Glade 16 vols £ 4. 5. 0
George Robertson 4 " 19. 6

The Committee have given instructions that, in making the monthly selection of works to be submitted

for approval, Mr Pethrick's establishment be visited.

Expenses amounting to £ 49. 8. 9 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie & Mr Leach, that the report be adopted.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Bates chairman of the sub-committee for the year. It is recommended that the large room to the left of the Upper Hall be papered, and also the small room over the Secretary's office, and that the latter be used for the present as a smoking room.

It is recommended that the Architects be recommended to provide some other plan of ventilating the front shops occupied by Mr Gould and Mr Saunders, as the City Building Surveyor will not allow ventilators to be placed in the walls. Accounts amounting to £ 75. 13. 11 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates and Mr Ridley, that the report be adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Ronnie chairman of the sub-committee for the year. The accounts for January & February have been audited and found correct. The following fixed deposits fall due:—

City of Melbourne Bank £ 250 2nd March
Victoria Permanent Bk of Bds 300 5th March

There is also a sum of £ 500 in the Victoria Per^{pet} Bk Soc^y deposited at call. A further sum of £ 500 can also be spared from the current acc. It is recommended that these be deposited in a place to be selected by the General

Committee. The follow Gs are recommended for payment:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Secretary & other Salaries | £ 82.1.8 |
| Whithead & Co Magazines &c | 113.17.6 |
| Electric Light | 23.16.8 |
| Gas | 19.12.4 |
| Wm White. Sellar & fitting | 16.5.3 |
| John Armstrong 'Paper' & ClovH | 21.16.6 |
| Melville, Mullen & Slade Books | 10.2.5 |
| Mr Hutchison Books Binding | 5.17.0 |
| Auditors | 4.4.0 |
| Seneca Panquet | 2.2.0 |
| Sundry Gs & Petty Cash | 18.14.2 |
| | <u>£ 318.9.6</u> |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie and Mr Danson, that the Report be adopted.

Mr Rennie moved that the moneys referred to in the Report of the Finance Sub Committee be deposited in the City of Melbourne Bank.
Mr Lush asked the President for his ruling on to whether it is legal for the Committee to make such deposits before the passing of the new Rule. The President ruled that it was not legal.

Resolved that the next meeting of the Committee be held at 7.30 p.m. & the special general meeting at 8 p.m. on 10th April

The Secretary's Statement.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Subscriptions for the month | £ 142.15.0 |
| Total revenue | 412.7.2 |
| New members during 2 months | 764.3.4 |
| 2 months | 00 |

Balance in Bank £ 1022.7.4
Fixed deposits 3275.0.0

J. Lush
10/4/90

Thursday 10th April 1890

The General Committee met at 7.30 p.m.
 Mr H R Duff. President. Chair
 Mr Hayer V. Pres
 Meeks
 Downward
 Bates
 Goode
 Sanpeter
 Harlin
 Barlow

Apologies were received for the absence of Mr Lush, Rennie, Levi, Bliffe, Danson & Ridley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Lush, member of the Committee, stating that he was about to make a holiday trip to Japan, he expected to return in August, and asked for leave of absence from the Committee for that period. Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Goode, that the request be granted.

Mr Lush

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—
 The Library sub committee begs to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—
 From Melville, Mullen, & Slade 17 vols £ 2.10.4
 George Robertson 5 " 1.13.6
 Accounts amounting to £ 148.19.4 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Duff and Mr Harlin, that the Report be adopted.

Special General Meeting of Members

Thursday 10th April 1890.

A special General Meeting of Members was held at 8 pm for the purpose of passing the proposed new Rule agreed to by the Committee at the meeting of 6th March 1890.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr Henry R. Page, who stated that all the formalities required by rules 21 and 54 for convening the meeting had been complied with. He then stated the reasons that had induced the Committee to propose the passing of the new Rule. He then read the rule, which is as follows:—

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Whenever there shall be any money owing upon mortgage of the real property of the Institution, the General Committee shall (whenever they shall be in a position to do so) provide a "Sinking Fund," to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage, and the moneys for the time being standing to the credit of such Fund shall from time to time be invested by the said Committee, by way of fixed deposit in some one or more of the incorporated Banks carrying on business in Melbourne, or on first mortgage of real estate. And the moneys which have now accumulated shall form the nucleus of such Sinking Fund, to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage of the real property of the Institution.

He then moved that this Rule shall, from and after this date, be one of the Rules of the Institution.

The motion was seconded by the Vice President H. H. Hayter Esq. C. M. G. and was supported by Mr Henry Meeks. It

The Finance sub Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for March and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Salaries and wages | £89. 11. 8 |
| Melville, Mulvey, & Glade. Books &c | 47. 1. 7 |
| Skilwell & Co Printing | 19. 14. 0 |
| Melbourne Water Supply | 17. 10. 0 |
| Wm Debnold. Binding & Sketching | 14. 5. 6 |
| New Austr ^{ia} Electric Co Ltd | 11. 10. 4 |
| G Casselder. Newspapers | 11. 1. 0 |
| Melb ^o rn Gas Co | 8. 5. 0 |
| Armstrong. Advertising | 4. 10. 0 |
| W Hutchison Bro ^r Pending | 4. 3. 3 |
| Melbourne Trench | 2. 8. 0 |
| Lorquesson & Mitchell. Marcus Clark's Books | 2. 2. 0 |
| Handy A/cs + Petty Cash | 9. 16. 6 |
| | <u>£ 240. 6. 4</u> |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Coode and Mr Downward, that the Report be adopted.

Mr Barlow

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Coode, that Mr Barlow be a member of the Finance sub Committee

Mr Bates, chairman of the House Committee, informed the Committee that on looking at Mr Gould's shop he found that the tenant had obstructed the means of ventilation provided!

Secretary's Statement.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Subscriptions for the month | £93. 7. 0 |
| Total revenue 3 months | 279. 10. 3 |
| New members during month | 23 |
| 3 months | 88 |

Balance in Bank £ 923. 8. 1
Fixed Deposits 3275. 0. 0

J. W. Meeks
Chairman
11/5/90

was then put to the meeting and was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was, on the motion of Mr Langster, passed to the Chairman and acknowledged.

J. H. R. Page
Chairman

27/4/91



A special general meeting of the members of the Melbourne Athenaeum was held last night in the Athenaeum-buildings. The attendance was small. The president (Mr. H. R. Page) occupied the chair. The President said they had been called together to consider the propriety or otherwise of passing a new rule for the management and carrying on the affairs of the institution. The proposed rule was as follows:—'When ever there shall be any money owing upon mortgage of the real property of the institution, the general committee shall (whenever they shall be in a position to do so) provide a 'sinking fund,' to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage, and the moneys for the time being standing to the credit of such fund shall from time to time be invested by the said committee, by way of fixed deposit, in some one or more of the incorporated banks carrying on business in Melbourne, or on first mortgage of real estate. And the moneys which have now accumulated shall form the nucleus of such sinking fund, to be applied in or towards the liquidation of any such mortgage of the real property of the institution.' All the necessary formalities had been complied with, and the meeting had been duly convened as provided for by Rule 21. As they were all doubtless aware, the institution was at the present time subject to a mortgage to the trustees of the will of the late J. L. Sumner, for £18,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, and payable on the 30th June, 1892. The annual reports of committee during the past three years had informed them amongst other things, that they had been saving money, and the last of such reports stated that they had saved in all as much as £3,275, which was at the present time deposited at interest in the name of the committee. During the latter part of last year it had occurred to some of the committee that the rules of the institution did not warrant the committee in retaining in their hands and investing so large a sum of money, and investigation showed that the proper course would be to hand this money and any further sums saved to the trustees of the institution, who, however, could only invest the same upon Government debentures or first mortgages of real estate. The committee, however, thought that the most suitable way in which to invest the money would be by way of fixed deposit in some one or more of the incorporated banks carrying on business in this city, and if the proposed rule were passed this would be made legal. It might perhaps be asked why the new rule was not so drawn as that the proposed investments should be in the names of the trustees of the institution—Messrs. F. M. Gibbs, T. Moubrey, and the Hon. N. Thornley. He (the President) was sure they would give the committee credit for not wanting in any manner to ignore or put a slight upon those gentlemen; but, on the whole, it was considered that the members would have no objection to leave this fund under the control of the committee in the way proposed, especially as the trustees themselves approved of this course being adopted. In fact, they had all signed the new rule. In conclusion, he trusted that the institution would be as prosperous during the present and following years as it had been during the past three years, and there would in that case be little doubt but that, on the 30th June, 1892, when the present mortgage fell due, the committee would be able to reduce the same by at least £5,000, and renew the balance for a further term of years at as low, if not a lower, rate of interest. He had now much pleasure in moving the adoption of the new rule. Mr. H. H. HAYTER, vice-president, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the proceedings.

Notice of Proposed New Rule

Notice is hereby given, in conformity with Rule 54, of the intention to pass the above new Rule at a special general meeting of members to be held Thursday 10th April 1890 at 2^o pm.

- J. H. R. Page*
 - H. J. Langster*
 - Thomas Harlin*
 - Joseph Lewis*
 - A. L. Digby*
 - Geo. H. Langster*
 - Thomas Lee*
 - James Irvine*
 - Miss Mauston*
 - H. M. Murphy*
 - John Dick*
 - Theresa Langster*
 - Andrew Webster*
 - George Doyle*
 - William Bates*
 - William Jervis*
 - W. L. Pauld*
 - Howard*
- W. W. Gibbs*
 - Leobush*
 - John Sliffe*
 - Manolommi*
 - James Stridley*
 - M. B. Moubrey*
 - R. Thomey*

J. H. R. Page
Secretary
11th March 1890.

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Thursday 1st May 1890

The General Committee met at P.P.U.

Mr Fuge President, Chair
Walter V.P.
Rennie Treasurer
Millie
Barlow
Harlin
Bliffe
Ridley

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the special General meeting of 10th April were read, and were considered to be correct.

Apologies were made for the absence of Mr Bates, Mr Levi, Goode & Hanson.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

The Library Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

From Melville, Muller & Slade 11 vols £2.3.5
George Robertson 3 " 11.0

It is recommended that the present agreement with Messrs. Dulau & Co for the supply of books be terminated at the end of the twelve months for which it was made.

Accounts amounting to £80.5.1 examined and found correct.

Dulau
& Co.

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Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie and Mr Walter that the report be adopted.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:—
The House sub-committee beg to recommend that the following purchases be made for the smoke room:—

2 draught boards and men
2 chess boards and men
1 set of dominoes
6 earthenware spittoons

Smoke
room

and that the room be opened forthwith for the use of the members.

Accounts amounting to £34.8.3.8 examined & found correct. The Report was adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for April and found them correct. It is recommended that the two overdue deposits in the Victoria Permanent Bdg Soc^y amounting to £1000 be deposited for twelve months in the City of Melbourne Bank, also that the sum of £250 already deposited in the Bank be re-deposited for twelve months. The deposit of £1025 in the Victoria Permanent Bdg Society due 10th August next is left to be dealt with by the General Committee.

Fixed
Deposits

The following Aps are recommended for payment:—

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Salaries and Wages | £ 82.1.8 |
| Mr Mouncey. Painting & Decorating | 270.0.0 |
| Town & Lighting Rate | 55.10.0 |
| Dulau and Co Books | 37.10.7 |
| Gordon & Gotch 8 Papers | 17.2.2 |
| George Robertson & Co Books | 17.13.0 |
| Electric Light & Gas | 18.17.8 |
| Melville Muller & Slade Books | 4.17.4 |
| Sundry Aps | 6.18.0 |
| Renewal Insurance Premiums | 18.0.0 |
| | £ 528.10.5 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie and Mr Barlow that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £115.0.0

Total Revenue of the month ~~293.12.0~~ 293.12.0

Total Revenue of 4 months £1224.0.1

New members during the month 29

New members during 4 months 112

Balance in Bank £976.13.9

Fixed Deposits £3275.0.0

J. W. L. Inge
Secy
5/6/90

Thursday 5th June 1890.

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr H R Sage. Pres: (chair)
- Mr Rennie Secy
- Downward
- Danson
- Barlow
- Sliffe
- Ridley
- Millie
- Levi
- Sangster

Apologies were made for the absence of Mr Hayter, Mr Good and Mr Bates.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr McCarthy, who assists the Hallkeeper, asking the Committee to increase his wages. Resolved, on motion of Mr Ridley and Mr Sliffe, that it be referred to the House Committee to report.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

From Melville Mullen & Stade 2 vols @ £7.17.1

Accounts amounting to £28.8.8 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie and Mr Sage, that the report be adopted.

The House Sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined A/cs amounting to £41.9.7 and found them correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Stiffe and Mr Ridley, that the report be adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:-

The House sub-committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for May and found them correct. It is recommended that Mr Horace Taylor, the junior assistant, shall receive an increase to his salary of five shillings per week from 1st June. The various Insurance companies, in which the Building of the Institution is insured, have raised the rate from 3/2 to 3/- per cent. The President & Treasurer authorised the extra amounts to be paid, as they fell due on 20th ult. It is recommended that the sum of £250 be placed as a Fixed Deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:-

Horace Taylor

Insurance

Fixed Deposit

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries & Wages | 89.11.8 |
| Armstrong & papers & Advertising | 19.13.0 |
| Gas | 13.19.1 |
| Electric Light | 11.18.4 |
| Alston Kemp. Repairs | 12.0.2 |
| Melville, Muller & Slade. Books | 3.13.5 |
| Mr Hutchison Bros Binding | 3.13.3 |
| Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash | 10.1.0 |
| Interest on Mortgage | 495.0.0 |
| Fixed Deposit | 250.0.0 |
| | £ 999.11.11 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Barlow, that the report be adopted.

Urinal

Mr Barlow directed the attention of the Committee

to the offensive odour that comes from the Urinal. Resolved that the matter be referred to the House Committee with power to act.

Secretary's statement.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions for the month | £150.16.6 |
| Total revenue of " | 432.17.11 |
| " " 5 months | 1656.18.0 |
| New members during month | 40 |
| " " 5 months | 152 |
| Balance in Bank | £869.1.3 |
| Fixed Deposits | £3275.0.0 |

Thomas Harlin
Chairman

3/7/90

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Thursday 3rd July 1890

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Harlin, chair
Ridley
Downward
Sliffe
Danson
Levi
Barlow
Langster
Meeks

Apologies for absence received from the President, Treasurer, and Mr Bates.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

From Melville Mullen & Slade 14 vols £2.6.0
" George Robertson 6 " 1.4.6

Accounts amounting to £33.16.8 examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Meeks that the report be adopted.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have considered the application made by the Hall-keeper's helper, Wm W^m Leathley, for an increase to his salary, and regret that they cannot recommend the granting of the request. A charwoman has been engaged to clean the lavatory and perform other work daily, for which she will receive

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ten shillings per week. Accounts amounting to £26.8.10 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Ridley and Mr Sliffe, that the report be adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for June and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following Aps:—

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Salaries and wages | £ 83. 1. 8 |
| Fuel | 10. 9. 6 |
| Electric light | 11. 10. 4 |
| Melville Mullen & Slade. Books | 10. 1. 2 |
| Wm W ^m Leathley. Binding | 6. 6. 6 |
| Mr Hutchinson Bro ^r Binding | 4. 7. 3 |
| Daily Telegraph. Advertising | 5. 17. 0 |
| John Armstrong Advertising | 4. 10. 0 |
| Renewal premium policy 3277 Self's guarantee | 1. 10. 0 |
| Sundry Aps | 8. 15. 9 |
| | <u>£ 146. 17. 2</u> |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Danson & Mr Barlow, that the report be adopted.

Rent of Large Hall

The Secretary reported to the Committee that he was of opinion that it would be desirable to make a small reduction in the rent of the Hall for Balls.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Langster that the following charges be adopted.

For Large Hall till midnight £ 7. 7. 0

For all night £ 0. 0. 0

For Large & Small Hall 10 10. 0

Thursday 7th August 1890

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Sage, (President) Chair
- Barlow
- Millic
- Bates
- Hartlin
- Sliffe
- Danson

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hayter, Ronnie, Hicks, Ridley & Levi.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—
 Your Committee beg to report that the following books are recommended for addition to the Library
 From Melville Mullens & Co 20 vols @ £3.17.11
 George Robertson & Co 2 " " 0.6

Accounts examined & found correct amounting to £208.11.6
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Millic and Mr Hartlin, that the report be adopted.

It was suggested that it would be desirable to have a list of the new books placed on the notice board in the Reading Room.

The House sub committee reported as follows:—
 The Committee beg to report that they have examined accounts amounting to £29.11.10 and found them correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates and Mr Sliffe that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Secretary's statement:

Subscriptions for the month £100⁰ 7.0
 Total revenue of the month 812. 1. 0
 " " 6 months 1968. 19. 0
 New members during the month 16
 " " 6 months 160
 Balance in Bank £271. 13. 0
 Fixed Deposits £3525. 0. 0

J. W. P. Sage
 Chairman
 7/8/90

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the A/cs for July and found them correct.

The fixed Deposit of £1025 in the Victoria Permanent Building Society falls due 10th inst. It is recommended that it be deposited in the City of Melbourne Bank.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Salaries and wages | £ 85. 1. 8 |
| Clotihead & Co Magazines & Newspapers | 115. 0. 1 |
| George Robinson & Co Books | 33. 5. 6 |
| Hulau & Co Books | 26. 2. 1 |
| New Austr ⁿ Electric Co Ltd | 11. 10. 4 |
| Melbop Gas Co | 10. 1. 8 |
| Melville Mullen & Co Books | 6. 3. 7 |
| G. Casselden & Co Papers | 11. 1. 0 |
| Mr Stubbs & Co Printing | 4. 2. 0 |
| Wm Detmold Printing | 2. 11. 6 |
| Chas & Maxwell. Law Times | 3. 3. 0 |
| John Armstrong Advertising | 3. 12. 0 |
| Chas & Swedel. Circulars | 2. 5. 0 |
| J.P. Loukie. Repairing chairs | 2. 11. 0 |
| Deauchamp Brothers. 2 Tables | 2. 10. 0 |
| Thos Deane & Co Coals | 1. 0. 7 |
| George & George. Longshing curtain | £ 0. 14. 0 |
| Meringworth. Sundries | 8. 3 |
| Geelong Advertiser | 12. 0 |
| Warrnambool Standard | 9. 9 |
| Geelong Reformer | 4. 0 |
| Petty Cash | 7. 0. 9 |
| | 9. 8. 0 |
| | £ 330. 5. 0 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Dawson & Mr Barlow, that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £125. 5. 6

Total Revenue of the month 360. 10. 9

" " " 7 months £ 2329. 10. 5

New members during month 26

" " " 7 months 194

Balance in Bank £ 485. 6. 7

Fixed deposits £ 3525. 0. 0

Henry B. [Signature]

Chairman

4/9/90

Thursday 4th September 1890

The Committee met at 8 pm.

Mr Hage, President (chair)

Hayter J. P

Rennie Treasurer

Dawson

Millic

Barlow

Downward

Harlin

Bates

Goode

Bliffe

Scrimpester

Litch. (returned)

Apologies received for absence from Mr Levi, Mr Weeks & Mr Ridley

The Secretary informed the Committee that one night, during the gas trouble, there was a Ball in the Large Hall and no gas available. He applied to the Assistant Manager of the Tramway Coy, who kindly lent him several large brom lamps free of charge. Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates and Mr Langster, that a letter of thanks be sent to the Assistant Manager of the Coy.

A letter was read from Mr Archer, Mr Hood and three other Roman Catholic members of the Institution asking that certain Catholic Periodicals and works, of which a list was furnished, should be added to the Library.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates and Mr Lush, that the writers be requested to apply as members of the Institution without reference to their connection with any Religious Denomination, in the usual way, (by the Requisition Book) and the request will be considered by the Library Sub Committee.

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have taken the advice of two experts with regard to the means of improving the present defective lighting of the Large Hall. They both state that larger supply pipes are required for the brackets in the lower portion of the Hall, and also for the sun lights. Your Committee recommend that a larger supply pipe for the sun lights be tried first, as it is probable that sufficient light may be thus obtained. The cost will be £ 16.

Accounts amounting to £ 35. 6. 3 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates & Mr Shiffe that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee were requested to consider the question of lighting the Large Hall with the

Catholic Literature

Gas.

Electric light.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

From Melville, Mullen & Glade 40 vols £ 11. 1. 5
George Robertson 2 " 12. 6

Accounts amounting to £ 30. 7. 1 have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Mullie & Mr Hayter, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Accounts for August & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following Accounts:—

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 93. 6. 8 |
| Armstrong & Papers & Advertising | 18. 5. 9 |
| Electric Light | 11. 18. 4 |
| Gas | 12. 2. 11 |
| Melville Mullen & Glade, Books | 9. 2. 10 |
| Mr Hutchinson Book Binding | 5. 5. 0 |
| Mr Detmold Binding | 3. 6. 0 |
| Printer & Lous | 4. 9. 6 |
| Sundry Accounts | 9. 3. 0 |
| | £ 167. 0. 0 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Kennie and Mr Frode, that the Report be adopted.

Supplementary Catalogue

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a Supplementary Catalogue for the Library.

Secretary's Statement

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Subscriptions for the month | £ 140. 3. 0 | Balance in Bank | £ 548. 0. 7 |
| Total revenue of — | 392. 19. 0 | Fixed deposits | £ 3525. 0. 0 |
| — — — 8 months | 2722. 9. 5 | | |
| New Members for month 29 | | | |
| — — — — — 8 months 273 | | | |

J. M. [Signature]
2/8/90

Average yearly receipts and expenditure after the erection of the new building.

Receipts

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Subscriptions | 1600 | 0 | 0 |
| Large Hall | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| Concert Room | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Small Rooms | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Front shops | 800 | 0 | 0 |
| Sales &c | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Total income | £ 3630 | 0 | 0 |

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Cost of new building | £13435 |
| Loss of revenue | 1000 |
| Furniture fittings | 1000 |
| Architects' Com. | 672 |
| Costs of works | 200 |
| | <u>16307</u> |
| Residual mortgage | 3500 |
| | <u>£ 19807</u> |

Say £20,000, in order to provide for contingencies.

£ 3630 0 0

Expenditure

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Salaries | Secretary | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| | Librarian | 234 | 0 | 0 |
| | Assistant | 143 | 0 | 0 |
| | Hallkeeper | 78 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 755 0 0 |
| Extra salaries | Assistant Librarian | 104 | 0 | 0 |
| | " Hallkeeper | 104 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 208 0 0 |
| Books, Magazines, and Newspapers | | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Binding &c | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Lighting and fuel | | 280 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates and Insurance | | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Advertising, Printing & Stationery | | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Repairs | | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Auditors & Guarantee premium | | 5 | 14 | 0 |
| Postage, and petty Cash | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 1215 14 0 |
| | | | | 2178 14 0 |
| Interest on £20,000 @ 6% | | | | 1200 0 0 |

Total Expenditure £ 3378 14 0

In round numbers, we may say

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Salaries | £ 1000 |
| Other expenses | 1200 |
| Interest | 1200 |
| Gross expenditure | £ 3400 |

Balance 251 6 0

£ 3630 0 0

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Offices of the Central Board,
Melbourne 23rd. July 1889.

No. 89.

Sir,

The Central Board of Health being of opinion that it would serve a useful purpose if the lessees of theatres, concert halls, and other places of public amusement would give instructions that all escape doors be opened at the conclusion of performances, and kept open until the audiences have left the buildings - in this way habituating people to the use of those means of exit -

I am directed to express the hope of the Board that you will be good enough to give effect to this suggestion accordingly.

I have the honour to be

Your most obedient servant

J. W. Colville

Secretary.

The Secretary
Melbourne Athenaeum
Melbourne

Town Clerk's Office.

Town Hall, Melbourne.

18th June 1889.

Sir,

A recent inspection of the Athenaeum Hall by an officer of the Local Board of Health discloses the fact that whilst appliances for extinction of fire are available, there is no one stationed in the building whose duty it is to take charge of, and be in perfect readiness to use, them should necessity arise.

I am, by direction of the Local Board of Health, to direct your attention to the provisions of By-law No. 1 of the Local Board, a copy of which I send herewith.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Melbourne Athenaeum.

J. W. Colville
Town Clerk.

Specification of repairs, painting, paperhausing &c to be done at the Melbourne Athenaeum

Small Hall - Plastering and mouldings to be made good. Ceiling to be lined with strong paper and then whitewashed. Walls to be papered with paper costing two shillings per piece, with a paper dado three feet six in height, the paper to cost two shillings per yard. All varnished work to be washed and revarnished. The skirting board to have two coats of oil paint.

Lower Corridor. To be distempred up to the cornice, panelled, with corners as at present.

Upper Corridor. To have a dado three feet six in height, of two coats of Kalsomine paint.

Refreshment room. Ceiling to be lined with strong paper and whitewashed, walls to be distempred except Dado which is to be five feet in height, to be primed, and to have three coats of oil paint.

All papers and colours to be approved of, and all work to be done to the satisfaction of the Chairman of the House sub. Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum, or such person whom he may appoint.

We hereby agree to perform the above work for the sum of twenty nine pounds one shilling and six pence

Minicy T. Beeler

Insurance Policies

I beg to report that, acting under instructions from E. M. Gibbs Esq, one of our Trustees, I submitted our five policies to the inspection of Mr Wisewould Solicitor.

Policy, No 175, in the Victoria Insurance Co for £3000 has been transferred by Mr Payne, allowed by the Company's Board, and the alterations and additions now in progress in front of the Athenaeum have been admitted by the Company, without prejudice to the portion of the Athenaeum Buildings left standing. The policy had been on the entire block of Buildings.

Policy, No 23559, in the Australian Alliance Co, on the Large Hall, has been transferred by Mr Payne, allowed by the Co. The amount is £2000. The Co will be notified of the alterations in progress.

Policy No 12837 in the National Insurance Co on the Large Hall, for £2000. The Co must receive notice of the alterations in progress.

The three preceding policies will be transferred to the executor in the Sumner Estate.

As to Policy, No 7803, in the National of New Zealand, which was on the Furniture and books in the Library (£1000 on books + £400 on Furniture). The Co has transferred the interest in the policy to our Chattels now in the Equitable Co-operative Society. Policy, No 5595, in the Victoria, on furniture in New Hall rooms, for £1000, remains as before.

Public Health Department.

Offices of the Central Board.

Melbourne: 27th July 1889

N^o 3693

Sir,

The Central Board's Inspectors and Inspectors - M. de Capelain - having reported that it is necessary the undermentioned requirements be carried out in connection with the Melbourne Athenaeum, I am instructed by the Board to request that they be attended to without delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t. servant

J. W. Colville
Secretary

The Secretary
Melbourne Athenaeum
Melbourne

Requirements above referred to:

The large escape door to right of way leading to Little Collins Street to be altered and made to open more easily. The large escape door below the stage on the west side to be similarly dealt with. The locks to be taken off

off and monkey-tail bolts
substituted

The small brass flush bolts on
on the gallery doors to be
removed.

All locks (excepting the one
to door closing the hall when not
in use) to have their key-bolts
taken out

The 2" tap, west side of hall
to be altered and so placed
that the hose can be kept
always attached and ready
for instant use.

Melbourne Athenaeum

Minute Book

1890 - 1900

Thursday 2nd October 1890

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum met at 8 P.M.

- Mr H R Sage President (Chair)
- Mr H Hafter Vice President
- Renzie Treasurer
- Bates
- Hanson
- Barlow
- Millie
- Sangster
- Melks
- Lush
- Harlin

Apologies for absence received from Mr Levi & Mr Ridley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A notice was read from the Metropolitan Gas Co that the price of gas would be raised from 1st October.

A notice was read from the New Australian Electric Co Ltd that the price of the Electric light would be raised from 1st Oct.

The House sub committee reported as follows:-

Electric Light for Large Hall

Your Committee beg to report that they have obtained from Mr R. E. Joseph, the Manager of the New Australian Electric Co Ltd, an estimate of the cost of installation and supply of the Electric Light in the Large Hall. It is recommended that the question be held over. Accounts amounting to £94. 12. 1 have been examined & found correct.

The Estimate of Mr Joseph having been read and discussed it was resolved, on motion of Mr Bates & Mr Sangster that the Report be adopted

The Minute Book of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

The Library sub committee reported as follows: -

Supplementary Catalogue

Your Committee beg to report that the Secretaries is preparing the Supplementary Catalogue containing the additions to the Library during the past three years, and that it will soon be ready. The following are recommended for addition to the Library: -

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Replaced Books | |
| Sam. Milville, Muller & Slade 12 vols | £ 2.8.4 |
| George Robertson & Co 2 " | 5.0 |
| New Books | |
| E. A. Fetherick & Co 6 " | £ 2.17.6 |
| Milville, Muller & Slade 2 " | 15.0 |

(List of New Books read)

Accounts amounting to £ 45.11.10 examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Trillie & Mr Hayter that the Report be adopted.

Mr Barlow drew the attention of the Committee to the state of some of the Books in the reference Library, and the Committee was instructed to see that it was remedied.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows: -

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for Sept & found them correct. It is recommended that the sum of £ 400 be placed as a fixed deposit for twelve months in the City of Melbourne Bank. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs. -

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 85.1.8 |
| Low Rate City of Melbourne | 37.0.0 |
| Melbourne Water Supply | 17.10.0 |
| John Dookie. Repairs Gas fittings | 15.15.1 |
| George Robertson & Co. Books | 12.1.10 |
| Milville, Muller & Slade. Books | 11.12.0 |
| N. Ash & Elec Coy Ltd. | 11.18.4 |
| Melrop Gas Coy | 5.9.6 |
| Daily Telegraph. Advertising | 6.15.0 |
| John Brauchung Advertising | 4.10.0 |
| Milwell & Co Printing | 4.5.0 |
| Mc Kibbin Base Building | 2.18.0 |
| £ | <u>214.16.5</u> |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Put forward | £ 214.16.5 |
| Wm Detmold Building | 2.2.6 |
| Victoria Assurance Co | 2.11.6 |
| South British S & M Ins Co | 1.19.0 |
| Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash | 9.6.2 |
| £ | <u>230.15.7</u> |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Dawson that the Report be adopted.

Smoking Room The House Committee were requested to consider the question of keeping open the Smoking Room, and ~~was~~ power was given them to do so.

Cup Day It was resolved that the Reading Room be kept open till one o'clock on Cup day

Secretary's Statement

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Subscriptions for the month | £ 120.1.6 |
| Total Revenue of | 309.18.6 |
| 9 months | 3032.7.11 |
| New members during month | 27 |
| 9 months | 250 |
| Balance in Bank | £ 690.19.1 |
| Fixed Deposits | £ 3525.0.0 |

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Rennie
6/11/90

Thursday 6th November 1890

The Committee met at 8 pm.

Mr Stayer Vice President (Chair)

Meeks

Barlow

Bates

Millie

Langster

Lusk

Harlin

Apologies for absence received from Mr Fuge, Dawson, Levi, Shiffe, Ridley & Rennie.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The House Sub committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the question of closing the smoking room which was referred to them by you. They recommend that, in view of the short period between this and the end of the year, the matter be postponed. The alteration made in the gas pipes that supply the sun lights in the Large Hall has effected a considerable improvement in the lighting. But, as the brackets round the wall still give a bad light, it is recommended that a larger supply pipe be attached to them. The cost will be £16. Accounts amounting to £34.16.9 examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates and Mr Langster that the Report be adopted.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that the Supplementary catalogue of the Library is printed. Copies are laid on the table. The following are recommended for addition to the Library:- 16 vols of reprinted works £ 2.1.1, and 11 vols of new books £ 3.17.4, also Johnston's Library map of Australia £ 1.1.0. Accounts amounting

Smoking Room

Gas pipes

Sup. Catalogue

to £61.1.3 examined and found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie and Mr Lusk that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for October & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:-

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 93.6.8 |
| New Australian Electric Co Ltd | 15.17.9 |
| Mehopu Gas Co | 13.0.0 |
| Jordan & Gotch st papers | 15.19.2 |
| William Detmold. Binding &c | 13.1.0 |
| Carrollen. Newspapers | 11.1.0 |
| Mc Hutcheon Bros Binding | 10.15.9 |
| Draper & Low Closets | 4.1.0 |
| Mutville Muller & Glade. Books | 2.18.4 |
| E. & Petherick & Co Books | 2.17.6 |
| Chritchard & Co Stationery | 1.12.6 |
| Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash | 9.14.0 |
| | £ 104.14.0 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Stayer that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's statement

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions for the month | £ 106.4.6 |
| Total revenue of | 302.17.6 |
| " " 10 months | 3335.5.5 |
| New members during month | 32 |
| " " 10 " | 281 |
| Balance in Bank | £ 363.1.0 |
| Fixed deposits | 3925.0.0 |

William Bates
Dec 4th 1890

Thursday 4th December 1890

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Duge, President (chair)
- Rennie Treasurer
- Bates
- Barlow
- Levi
- Saugster
- Downward
- Millie
- Shiffe
- Ridley

Apologies made for absence of Mr Lewis, Mr Meeks, Mr Dawson & Mr Stayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

- Replace Books
- 14 vols £ 2. 3. 0
- New Books
- 4 vols £ 1. 9. 7

Accounts amounting to £ 39. 10. 10 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie & Mr Barlow that the Report be adopted.

The House Sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that as an application has been made to take the Smoking room for a period of twelve months you they have decided to accept the offer. It has been let for £1 per week.

Cops amounting to £36. 1. 7 have been examined & found correct.

Smoking room

Resolved, on motion of Mr Ridley & Mr Shiffe that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Cops for November & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following Cops:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 85. 1. 8 |
| Gas | 10. 10. 9 |
| Electric Light | 6. 17. 8 |
| Bookie Gas fittings | 16. 0. 0 |
| John Armstrong & Co Papers | 15. 19. 9 |
| Sullivan & Co Printing | 8. 0. 0 |
| Mr H. Johnson & Co Binding | 8. 1. 9 |
| Melville, Muller & Shade Books | 4. 13. 7 |
| A. A. Petherick & Co Books | 2. 9. 3 |
| Sundry Cops | 1. 9. 4 |
| Balance on Mortgage | £ 495. 0. 0 |
| | £ 662. 19. 9 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Downward, that the Report be adopted.

Annual Report

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates & Mr Levi that the President, Vice President & Secretary prepare the draft Report of the Committee for the Year.

Resolved that the next night of meeting be Thursday 13th January 1891.

Holidays

Resolved that the Library be closed on Saturday 27th Dec, as it has been gazetted a Government Holiday

The President, Mr Duge, informed the Committee that during a recent visit to Ballarat, he went to the Public Library there and saw a notice in it that a sum of £5 would be given to anyone who would give

Thursday 15th January 1891

The General Committee met at 8 pm.

- Mr Hage Pres (chair)
- Hayter V. Pres
- Rennie Treasurer
- Stiff
- Ridley
- Downward
- Dawson
- Goode
- Lusk
- Parlow
- Sangster
- Levi
- Severs
- Mucks

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—
Your committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Replace Books | | |
| From Geo Robertson | 1 vol | £ 0. 10. 0 |
| E A Pethrusk | 5 | 18. 0 |
| Melville, Mullen & Slade | 9 | 1. 5. 8 |
| New Book | | |
| Collins' Epitome of Philosophy | | 12. 6 |

Accounts amounting to £36. 14. 2 examined & found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Hayter & Mr Lusk, that the Report be adopted.

The House sub committee reported as follows:—

The House sub committee report that the supply of gas in the Large Hall is still very unsatisfactory; they have instructed the Secretary to write to the Secy of the Gas Co. on the subject. The following Cipes have been examined & found correct amounting to £28. 7. 0

information to the Committee that would convict any one that might steal books from the Reading Room. He thought a similar notice in our Reading Room might put a stop to the stealing of news papers & periodicals. The Committee did not think it desirable to put up such a notice, but decided to post one up stating that it was against the rules to remove either books papers or periodicals from the Reading room.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 101. 15. 0

Total revenue of " " 292. 2. 0

" " 11 months £3627. 7. 5

New members during the month 17
" " 11 months 299

Balance in Bank £ 461. 10. 4
Savings Deposits £ 3925. 0. 0

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